

Doctors' clinic, housing complex planned

Developer proposes
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community between
Industrial Park Rd.
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SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Plans to build a commercial plaza in the area where the late Dr. Harry Good's house sits overlooking the river leading to Grass Lake have been abandoned but a new proposal would see the construction of a new doctors' clinic that would be connected to a 100-unit retirement community.

In February last year a proposal for a 64,000 square foot commercial building on 9.5 acres was put forward by the Otis Group of Companies out of Toronto. A public meeting in the Dysart et al council chambers was packed with people voicing their opposition to having the area rezoned from residential to commercial. The most frequent objection was that Haliburton did not need more retail space outside of the downtown core when there were empty storefronts on the main street. The property was, however, rezoned and then the proposal was abandoned. Philip Otis did not return a phone call from the Echo asking for an explanation.

Last week, a new developer, Dr. Daniel Perlitz of Dravidian

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



When Irish eyes are singing

Margaret Jeske and her Gentlemen of Song delighted the crowd at the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on Friday. As dozens of people filled the Haliburton Legion to enjoy Irish stew and biscuits to raise money for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary, the men's choir brought a touch of the Emerald Isle to the festivities with their rendition of traditional Irish music.

Maple syrup producers get tax reprieve

Industrial assessment would have put an end to 'mom and pop' operations

JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporter

Local maple syrup producers are breathing a collective sigh of relief. The provincial government has announced that it will not implement the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation's recommendation to tax maple syrup producers at industrial tax levels.

The MPAC recommendation would have meant a huge increase in taxes to maple syrup producers and put most "mom and pop" operations out of business.

"We have taken immediate steps to address the concerns of maple syrup producers," said Finance Minister Greg Sorbara in a news release issued Wednesday. "We are listening to people's concerns about the importance of consistent and timely application of assessment and classification policies by the MPAC."

Maple syrup producers faced a change in classification from farm to industrial for the 2004 taxation year.

"We will continue to work with these groups and Ontarians to come up with

property tax assessment solutions that work," Sorbara said.

The news release said that the government is calling on MPAC, maple syrup producers and representatives of the broader farming community to develop mutually-acceptable criteria for deciding what constitutes industrial production of maple syrup.

"The government will also work with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and other agricultural groups to establish clarity in agricultural definitions for the purpose of property classification, said

Steve Peters, Minister of Agriculture and Food.

Tom Dawson has a small family maple syrup production called Wintergreen on Haliburton County Road 1 near Gelert.

"That needed to happen," was his initial comment when he learned that the government had decided not to change the taxation structure as planned. "It was causing all kinds of problems."

Dawson said he has spoken at length to policy directors at MPAC. "They have tried this

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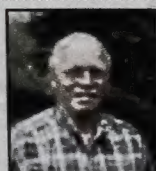
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Mike Bradley brings the Grey Cup home

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news and events worth noting

THE GREY CUP is coming to Haliburton! Plans are being made for the cup's triumphant tour of the village on March 26 and 27. Accompanying the coveted football trophy will be Mike Bradley of the Edmonton Eskimos. The Kushog Lake native played in the cup-winning game and, as a reward, gets to share the glory with his home town. Watch for more details in next week's *Echo*.

Will winter ever end? To give people a reason – if they need one – to think spring, the *Echo's* pleased to announce that submissions are now welcome for our When Will the Ice Melt on Head Lake? contest. The deadline for your best scientific or I-feel-it-in-my-gut guess is March 31 at 5 p.m.. Either drop by the *Echo* and fill out a ballot or fax your entry to 457-3275, e-mail it to info@haliburtonecho.on.ca or mail it to Box 360, Haliburton, K0M 1S0. Make sure you give us the date and time the last ice cube will melt, as well as your phone number. The winner will get a free subscription to their choice of either the *Echo* or the *Minden Times*. Think spring!

The provincial Ministry of Tourism says more than 10 million U.S. television viewers watched the Toronto-based episodes of "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" that aired last month, showcasing Ontario's biggest city as a desirable tourism destination. "Each show was a virtual hour-long commercial for the province," Minister of Tourism Jim Bradley says. That means that 10 million Americans also heard Mike



Big news for Ariel's Worm fans!

The song "Tame" from the album "The Next Big Thing", which debuted in Carnarvon last summer, aired on an episode of the hit TV show "Joan Of Arcadia" on Friday. It was played in the opening scene of the show. The band, which includes Boshkung Lake siblings Mike and Jennifer Strype recently shot a video for the song "The End" which will go into the editing stages sometime next week and will be downloadable through their website. Last week Ariel's Worm played Canadian Music Week to a packed house at The Bovine Sex Club in Toronto which was a huge success. They are also gearing up to start recording album 3.

Myers extol the virtues of Haliburton on the show – and see what a great paper the *Echo* is when O'Brien held up the December edition with Myers' picture on the front page.

The Friends of Sir Sandford Fleming College invite you to join them on a fabulous Mediterranean Adventure. Again this year, the talented chefs of Haliburton County will be profiling their talents at the college's Feast of Foods at the Delta Pinestone on Sat., April 17. This will be the seventh dinner to raise funds for student bursaries and special projects; last year almost \$15,000 was raised. This year's menu features appetizers, entrées and desserts from the Mediterranean – sure to bring some sunshine into your life. To order your tickets, which are \$100 each, contact the college at 457-1680.



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Assessment change a victory against MPAC

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with wineries, cherry growers, cucumber growers..." he said. "They seemed to be on a search and destroy mission. MPAC seems to have a long leash."

Dawson said the proposed change to Managed Forest taxation is another example of a decision that wasn't well thought through. "Nobody thought about the ramifications."

In his experience, Dawson said he hasn't seen many young people showing an interest in maple syrup production. "Not a lot of younger people are getting into it," he said.

Haliburton-Victoria-Brock MPP Laurie Scott issued a statement Wednesday saying that she was delighted to learn that the Ministry of Finance has responded to many local concerns and reversed its decision to impose tax increases on maple syrup producers.

"I was happy to have heard the concerns of the owners and residents of my riding, bring them to the Ministry of Finance, and help to secure a positive resolution to this unfair situation," she said. "Although I am happy that the government has changed these punitive tax measures, if they had consulted with these groups in the first place, they could have avoided all the difficulties they have brought to these hard working families."

Scott called the change of heart a victory for the average person. "This shows that if you can get organized and make enough noise, you can get the government to listen."

Jean Schlicklin-Tyler is president of the Haliburton Kawartha Maple Syrup Association and the provincial representative for the Ontario Maple Syrup Producers Association.

"We're delighted the government has put a freeze on assessments," she said. She added that she hopes those producers who have already been assessed will have those assessments reversed.

There is a process by which the assessments can be reversed – a request for reconsideration or an appeal process. The catch is that appeals must be filed by the end of March.

Information is available through OMSPA at 519-674-6000. The contact person is Sally Hoffman-Brown or Schlicklin-Tyler may be able to provide the information needed herself. Schlicklin-Tyler's number is 457-2214.

Two issues that maple syrup producers are still facing are quality standards and the Asian longhorn beetle.

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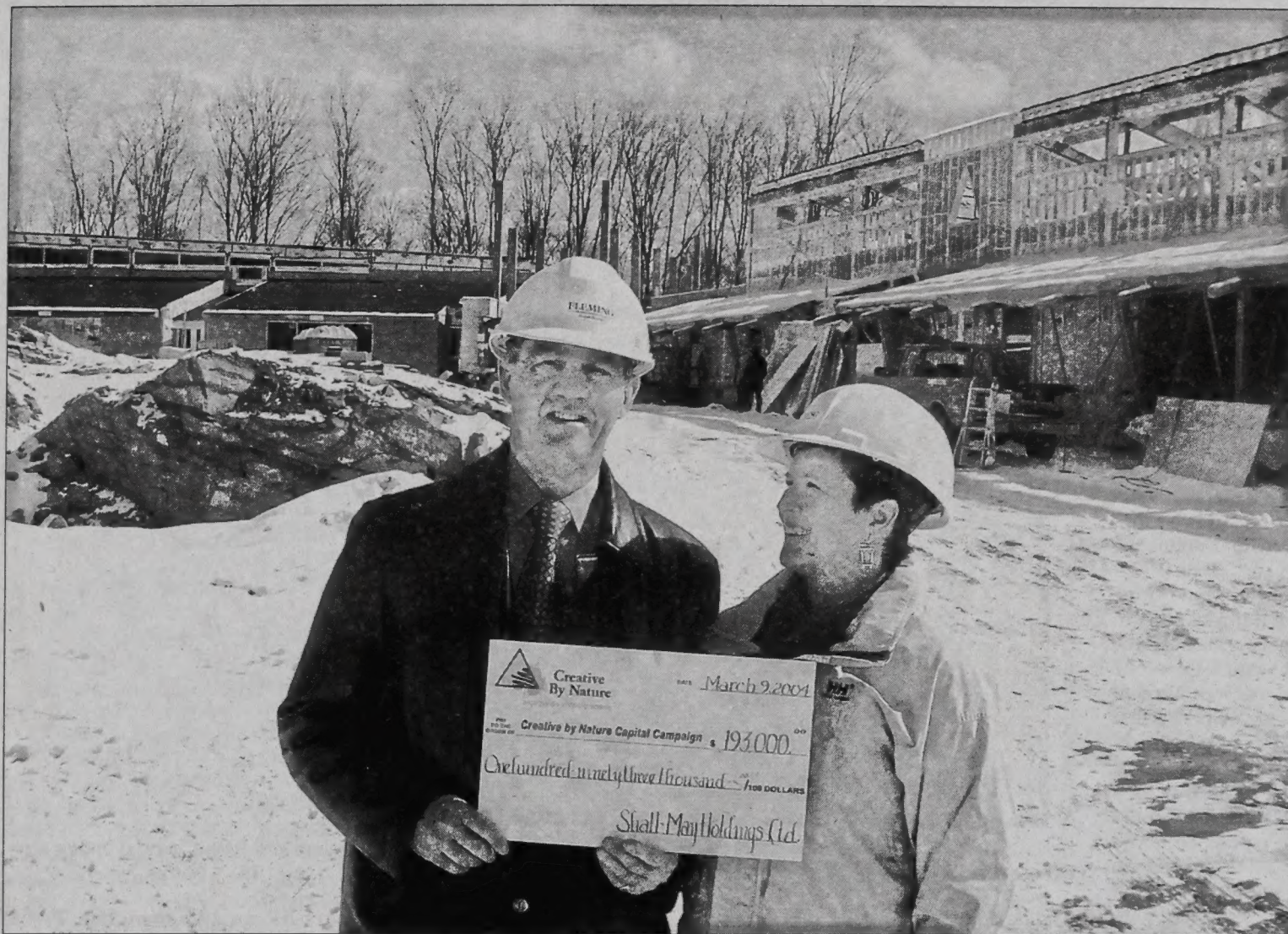
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Casting complete for this summer festival

Let the mysteries and the love stories begin.

The casting is now complete for the final two productions in this year's Highlands Summer Festival schedule. Director David Phillips announced his choices for *The Perfect Rhyme* and *Thriller of the Year* last week.

"I am pleased with the strong cast we have in both productions," Phillips, who is returning for his third year with the Festival, says. "I think these are going to be two very interesting productions."

The Perfect Rhyme, by Barry Yzereef, is the story of a love-sick poet who has been penning verses of adoration for his love, who he has only seen from afar. She confronts the love-struck poet and attempts to bring his pining to an end. The clash of wills, witnessed by the poet's servant, provides the setting for this rollicking and sometimes bawdy comedy.

Donna Gagnon will be playing the role of the aggrieved lady, while Tim Nicholson is the poet. Both are veterans of the Festival stage. Gagnon was on stage in the opening season and has co-directed and stage managed several productions. Nicholson appeared last year in *The Mumberley Inheritance* and previously in *There Goes The Bride*. The servant will be played by high school student Arlen Mighton-Davis. This is his second Festival role, making his debut in *The Mumberley Inheritance* last season.

Thriller of the Year, by Glyn Jones, is the story of a writer of mysteries whose latest critically acclaimed book suddenly comes to life. The plot twists she describes in her book start to happen in her life but this time she is the target. Maureen Johnson has been cast as the author Gillian Howard. Her publisher, Irene Knight will be played by Carolyn Emmerson, while Eleanor Cooper will step into the role of Madge Robinson, the author's secretary. Fiona Stewart has the role of Dr. Beryl Spence, while the author's mother-in-law, Edith Howard, will be played by Leslie English. All five actors have appeared in Highlands Summer Festival productions.

The casting for the other two productions was completed earlier this year. *The Sound of Music* and the classical music concert, this year called *Encore*, round out the 2004 schedule.

Season passes are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and The Storeroom in Minden. Passes and single tickets are also available through the box office at 705-457-9933. A complete schedule can be found at: www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca

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Shall-May Holdings Ltd representative Gary Vasey presents a \$193,000 cheque to Barb Bolin of Fleming College. This contribution represents the proceeds of the sale of a lot that Shall-May Holdings donated to the College's Creative by Nature Capital Campaign. Shall-May Holdings is the developer of the West Shore project on Kennis Lake. Fleming's Creative by Nature Campaign has now reached 98 per cent of its \$2.5 million goal.

Business owners stand together for downtown rejuvenation

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

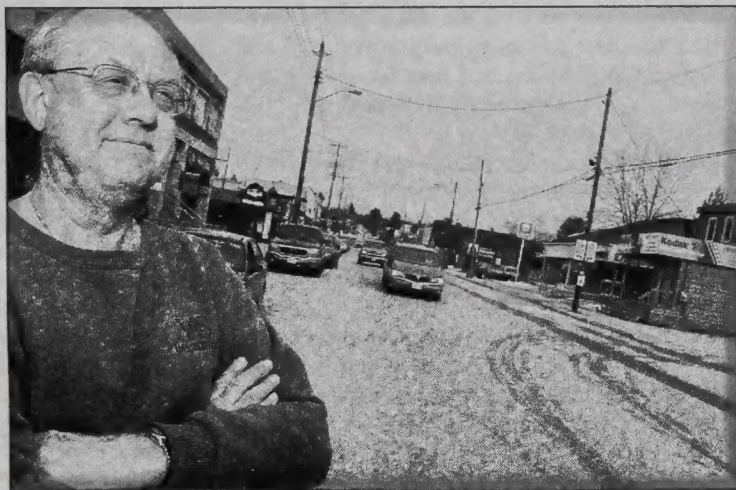
For the first time in Reeve Murray Fearrey's long memory the Dysart et al council chambers were packed by members of the Haliburton Business Improvement Association standing together behind a new downtown improvement plan.

Plans have been floated before, most lately in 1996, but Fearrey says he has never seen such a strong commitment from the business owners. The BIA has agreed to raise its own levy from \$15,000 a year to \$30,000 if the municipality agrees to partner with them in implementing the plan.

BIA president Andy Glecoff also asked council to consider budgeting \$35,000 a year for the next five years to assist with capital cost improvements.

"As merchants, property owners and citizens we are very concerned about the condition of downtown. The time to act is now. We must work towards a downtown that we can all be proud of. We are prepared to work with the municipality to make it happen quickly," said Glecoff.

Glecoff walked council through a short-term and long-term plan for how to transform the village into the next Bracebridge. In the short-term, he talked about having murals like Minden's. He says Barb Bolin, Sir Sandford Fleming College Haliburton campus



Andy Glecoff says businesses want change on main street.

president, says local artists have a high level of enthusiasm for the project. Glecoff is suggesting they commission students to come up with a theme.

Another issue is additional security which Glecoff says they would like to see accomplished this year with the installation of security cameras, more police presence and hired security personnel. He says they need to start planning for how to protect citizens and private property this summer.

Fearrey says a few groups of young people are causing problems but that it is an OPP responsibility. The reeve also says someone has to be responsible for the tapes and cameras which would likely be located on private property.

Glecoff said the BIA has adopted a heritage colour scheme that they would like to see the municipality enforce.

The BIA is looking for a Haliburton logo on all commissioned signs, new secondary and directional signing and uniform symbols for parking signs. Some other initiatives would be new garbage receptacles, a tree program in movable pots for the main street, flower beds, pole banners, yearly flag program, replacement of uncoordinated Christmas decorations, pedestrian crossings, theme lighting, and improved cleanliness.

These ideas for a short-term plan are just a start, says Glecoff and the BIA estimate for cost is \$156,000. Councillor Al Ferguson asked what percentage of the businesses were in favour of this plan; Glecoff says there is unanimous support and they have been getting an 80 per cent turn-out to meetings.

The long-term plan includes road repaving, replacing curbs and broken sidewalks, new

lamp posts, adding interlocking brick, improving parking and, most important, moving hydro, telephone and cable TV wires from the main street.

"We've had proposals before and owners wouldn't come to the fore and move services. The owners wouldn't do it," Fearrey reminded the group.

"Time have changed," Glecoff answered.

Fearrey told the group that the council needs business support to make plans happen.

"We're committed as a group and willing to do this. We want Haliburton Village to be spoken of in the same breath as Niagara On The Lake," said Anthony vanLieshout, who accompanied Glecoff to the table. "We don't have all of the answers but we have the will."

Glecoff says they want to undertake immediately a study of how much it will cost to move the wires from downtown. He says once they have a commitment from council they would like to form a volunteer steering committee.

Glecoff and vanLieshout both said they would be making improvements to their own buildings to help with the process. Glecoff says they are hoping to also have some of the proposals for flower beds move ahead this spring.

Council agreed with many of the ideas presented but did not make a formal commitment. The proposals were forwarded to budget considerations.

Doctors applaud idea to move clinic

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Management Limited, came to council for the second time to talk about his proposal. The first time was in a closed meeting in December. Perlitz is a doctor turned developer from Toronto who has built a cottage on Redstone Lake. He said that Linda Beachli of RE/MAX Haliburton Highlands Realty found him a great property for his cottage so when she called him about the Good property he was interested.

"I've been a developer in Toronto, I've done three medical buildings but mainly office buildings and condos. I chose this site (Dr. Good's house) because it's the best, the most visible location in Haliburton. Everyone coming in will see it. It will speak to the commitment of the community to excellent health care," says Perlitz.

The parcel of land, which he has "under contract" but has not purchased, is almost three acres or 130,000 square feet. The concept is to build a medical facility for the doctors who are now in the Haliburton Family Medical Centre. The office building would be about 10,000 square feet and would be attached via an enclosed walkway to the retirement complex. The cost of the office building would be about \$150/square foot.

Perlitz is hoping the municipality will agree to lease-to-own the office building at less than five per cent annually for 25 years and then the building would belong to Dysart. The retirement complex would be owned by a company called Retirement Life Communities which has several projects across Ontario in places such as Ottawa, Goderich and Kitchener.

The timing for the project is "totally dependent on council," says Perlitz. He has retained the services of local architect Hugh Taylor, who says he did do preliminary drawings but after meeting with the Haliburton doctors realized it was not what they were looking for. Taylor says he is excited about creating an attractive building out of local woods and granite.

Reeve Murray Fearrey says council has not made a commitment to this project or to a timeline. Fearrey said it is not uncommon for a municipality to purchase a building and offer the space to doctors at a reduced cost as a way to attract new doctors. The reeve said council is also considering two other facilities to house the doctors but would not disclose what those proposals are. He did say that council will not be giving Perlitz an answer until after the budget is completed. He also commented that Dysart council has been in discussion with the doctors in Haliburton but has not met with them about this specific proposal.

Perlitz has. He told council last week, and the *Echo* in an interview, how immensely impressed he is with the doctors in Haliburton.

"I'll tell you, this town is extremely fortunate to have such a group of physicians. I was impressed with the cutting-edge thinking of the doctors here. I think having this kind of facility will be the real key to stability and growth of this community," says Perlitz.

Dr. Norm Bottum, one of the partners in the



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Dr. Daniel Perlitz of Dravidian Management Limited and Josef Ger from Retirement Life Communities came to Dysart council last week with a proposal for a new doctors health clinic and a retirement home.

Haliburton Family Medical Centre, agrees with Perlitz. The doctors own the building that houses their centre as well as Rexall pharmacy, MDS Laboratories and the Alzheimer Society. The doctors purchased the main street building in 1988 and at that time it was designed for five doctors. During the last 10 years Bottum says they have lost five doctors and gained two, with a net loss of three. Doctors and staff are now using the floors above and below the drugstore which requires two photocopiers, two receptionists and other inefficiencies. He said they are also concerned about their growing list of patients and their unsuccessful efforts to recruit new physicians. He cited other communities such as Campbellford, Gravenhurst and Orangeville that have built space for their doctors and have had, as a result, more success in recruiting physicians.

"We have talked to council about this for some time but it's been on the back burner since the hospital was renovated. Dr. Perlitz has moved the issue to the forefront. It's getting tougher for us to handle the number of patients. Costs have gone up but fees haven't in the last 10 to 15 years....Yes, we're happy to review proposals (like Perlitz's)," says Bottum.

He said computer costs are very high and the doctors are interested in the technology Perlitz can build into a new facility. Perlitz says the Ministry of Health is interested in his idea to wire the building so that cardiograms and radiology reports could be sent electronically to outside specialists instantly. He suggested the ministry would be supportive of high speed Internet technology going into the building.

Bottum says another issue is parking. The doctors want to have a better parking lot and access for their

patients. Perlitz says he can give them one. Perlitz is also proposing to build a facility for the doctors at a very reasonable price because it is an added bonus for the retirement complex.

Josef Ger, the president of Retirement Life Communities, came with Perlitz to discuss plans for his part of the project. He said that his company does not build traditional retirement homes where residents have a room and share common living spaces. His company's model is to build living quarters that are more like small apartments with a menu of services that residents can choose from as they need them.

"The residents would be able to live as independently as possible but there will also be a communal kitchen, dining facility, arts and craft room, a place for shows. It would be serviced 24 hours with access to two nurses, housekeeping, a shuttle service, laundry, social and recreational activities," says Ger.

He is proposing one parking space for every four units. The monthly rent of a one-bedroom unit would be about \$1,400. Ger says the building would be three stories built into the slope of the property so tenants have a view of the lake. He suggested the retirement complex would have about 30 full-time equivalent staff. He suggested they might look at expanding and purchasing more land for bungalows.

Ger and Perlitz are both excited about the close proximity to the new Sir Sandford Fleming College campus. Perlitz believes individuals living in the retirement home would be keen on taking parts in programs. They say there is the market here for both the home and the health centre and that both will be a huge asset to Haliburton.

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Dysart council won't contribute to water trails improvements

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Staff Reporter

Work being done to preserve the pristine nature of the lakes and shorelines that make up the canoe routes through the Frost Centre area hit a snag last week when two opposing views of how best to protect the environment clashed.

Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, a committee of volunteers working in partnership with the municipality of Algonquin Highlands, has received multi-level government funding for the restoration of 120 Crown land campsites. The project is to improve the environment around the sites both on land and in the water. The committee's goal is to educate users on "back country etiquette", says Mark Coleman, HHWT coordinator. He says it's best to catch users' attention at popular points where people access the water.

One of the 11 points where the committee is hoping to install an educational kiosk sign is the Kennisis Lake Dam boat launch. The boat launch, located on Dysart et al's property, is not only popular for Kennisis boaters but an access point for cottages on Red Pine Lake in Algonquin Highlands and the only road access point on the eastern boundary of the Frost Centre to the canoe routes. There are no toilets at the site and Coleman says you just have to walk beyond the parking area to see that people are using the forest as a toilet.

Coleman came to Dysart council in

September and asked councillors if they would consider supporting improvements to the Kennisis Lake Dam access point. The committee is proposing to install a 1,000-gallon tank vault privy, a sign with information on the canoe route trail system and educational materials, as well as adding 'A' gravel to 150 feet of the north shoulder of the road allowance. Coleman says people are already parking there so the gravel would be an enhancement. Coleman asked council to consider assuming ownership and maintenance of the vault toilet, approving the kiosk and making a financial contribution towards the \$9,700 cost.

The proposal did not get a warm reception last fall and was flatly turned down by council last week. Councillor Leon Jones said it took the municipality three years to clean up garbage at the access point and get the situation under control so he did not want to encourage any more usage of the area. He argued that the project would create more environmental problems than it would solve.

The resolution not to participate in the project was moved by Jones and seconded by Dan Kay and approved by council.

Coleman said in an interview with the *Echo* that he was disappointed in the decision but hoped the council would reconsider allowing at least the sign kiosk. He says Algonquin Highlands has strongly supported the HHWT by partnering on projects and being the lead agency responsible for funnelling provincial funding. The municipality of

Lake Of Bays has also been "openly supportive" of the work the committee has in mind for three of the access points in that municipality, Coleman said.

"There is a legitimate concern (about environmental problems at the Kennisis Lake Dam)...We're fortunate to have head waters but what we do does affect communities downstream. We want to keep the water clean," says Coleman. "We want to get good messages out about where you can and can't camp."

Dysart's decision may affect ratepayers in Algonquin Highlands. Gerald Bain, Algonquin Highlands clerk, says the same scenario applies for a boat launch in his municipality that services ratepayers in Dysart accessing waterfront properties on Kawagama Lake. In that case, Algonquin Highlands pays for the maintenance of the launch and the two municipalities negotiate the division of any capital expenditures.

There have been no recent discussions about sharing costs with regards to the Kennisis launch.

Bain says his council believes people will use the launches regardless of whether there are proper amenities and does not feel that being responsible for vault toilets or garbage pick-up at boat launches in Algonquin Highlands is an additional liability.

The issue of the Kennisis Lake Dam raised the point of who should be responsible for amenities at trail head. Dysart councillors said they should not be taking on that responsibility.

Skateboard park still needs a location

Haliburton Sk8 has the wheels, has the equipment and has loads of public interest – but it does not yet have a park.

Cindee St. Pierre, Sk8 committee chair, came to Dysart et al with spokesperson Glen Evans last Monday to inform council that the committee has, with the generous help of the council, raised \$17,000 and has \$2,000 left to raise for the skateboard equipment to go into a park. She says garnering the dollars should be no problem but with the melting snow everyone is asking where the skateboard park will be come spring.

Evans said they need a site with stable ground or, if it's not stable, a floating concrete slab or asphalt surface, with a preference for the former. In order to properly arrange the equipment they have, the park needs to be 40' X 100' or 4,000 square feet. Ideally they would like a site that is highly visible and were thinking of a location in Head Lake Park that would not interfere with existing uses.

Reeve Murray Fearrey asked who was going to be responsible for funding the creation of the park. Evans said it is an issue the committee has talked about but that they need to know which site the municipality is proposing before they can move ahead with a budget for the project and ideas for funding. Fearrey says the council will consider the options and get back to the committee.

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Same old, same old?

A good memory can be a curse, especially when it comes to municipal politics. Sitting through one meeting about the need to do something, anything, to spark up Haliburton's main street, your mind can't help but wander to the last time you listened to another presentation about the need to do something, anything, to spark up Haliburton's main street. Why is it your memory works so well when everyone else seems to have forgotten that everything's been said before and the main street still looks like it did 10 years ago?

Apparently, the enthusiasm for change that filled the Dysart council chambers last Monday is real. Not only that, but the main street business owners are also openly endorsing the idea of helping to pay for the change. They were a unified voice.

Now there's a welcome change, because what was said in that room was so true. If Haliburton wants to realize its tourism potential it needs a much more attractive main street. Our main street is, by and large, very ugly. There's no cohesive-

ness. All the buildings were built at different times, some of them without foresight or a commitment to spending the money that was needed to have a much prettier result. We are all accustomed to its overall drabness and have stopped seeing it. Luckily for us, too, most modern business development, in towns across North America, is equally unpleasing to the eye.

If the commitment is real and if business owners and, more importantly, main street landlords realize that in order to attract more people they'll have to spend more money, then their plans should be encouraged and endorsed. This village already has too much potential that's being wasted.

Water trails a must

When the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails committee was formed to address concerns about over-use of campsites in and around the Frost Centre there was some resistance to the idea of controlling what had been a pretty free and easy system of recreational canoe routes. However, the Frost Centre's campsites were proving to be too popular for their own good, especially after cuts to the Ministry of Natural Resources' budget made it impossible for the province to properly maintain its own property.

The Frost Centre may not be able to offer canoe tripping at its purist – some of the lakes also have cottages on them – but its proximity to Toronto and its lack of bureaucratic rules and fees have made it a hugely popular destination. Problems arose because of this, such as the lack of parking and washroom facilities. When a busload of campers arrived after a two-hour ride, the first thing many of them wanted to do was bladder relief. There being no outdoor privies, they took to the bushes. They, and other campers, left other reminders of their visit, too.

It's too bad Dysart et al isn't doing more to help the committee make simple improvements to the water trails access at Kennisis Lake. There seems to be the belief that if there proper facilities there built the problem will just get worse. But what will doing nothing achieve? There will still be garbage, still be people using the woods as an outhouse, still be problems with parking and traffic. The Frost Centre is an amazing resource, with a huge tourism potential. It's worth a little investment to make sure people aren't disgusted by what greets them when they get there.



Spring comes to Drag River

Photo by Darren Lum

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Puppy dreams

IF THERE EVER WAS A SURE SYMPTOM that prolonged mental weakness has taken hold, the words, "I just ordered myself another hunting dog" might just announce it.

It's not that buying a dog is crazy. The problem comes from the fact that most new hunting dog owners are ROOKED (Right Out Of Kennel Expectationally Deluded). This, of course, is one of the most heartbreaking illnesses to befall a person who purchases a hunting dog. And it's just as difficult for those who have to hear about it.

It's difficult to treat, possibly because the afflicted hunter doesn't realize he's being delusional about what he expects his dog to do. And, unfortunately, a cure has not been found.

That's why hunters' support groups have asked me to shed some light on this horrible, debilitating illness which normally afflicts unwitting sportsmen in spring.

A ROOKED hunter secretly believes that his new pup will soon turn out to be a hunting machine, the likes of which would make Old Yellow turn red. Symptoms at the onset include the expenditure of oodles of money to ensure that the dog has a more regal lineage than the Royal family, although, no matter how much you spend, the ears will be not be nearly as long.

Because of this fine breeding, a ROOKED owner will rationalize everything his puppy does. For instance, after his wife finds a "present" on the kitchen floor, it's common for the ROOKED hunter to actually say that he did it. This, of course, is preferable to admitting that his expensive wonder dog could have had anything to do with such crude behaviour – after all, wearing adult diapers for a short time is a small price to pay to keep your pride and dignity intact. Similar denials are harder

to pull off, especially when her new leather shoes have been chewed up or the neighbour's dog is expecting a litter. Yet, if you're willing to accept counselling, this too can be done.

One ROOKED hunter I know, normally a crusty and rational fellow, actually

wrote a flowery thank-you letter to the kennel of his newest pup. This wouldn't have been so bad if he hadn't written it as if it came from the puppy, complete with paw print signature. The unfortunate part is that any dog breeder worth their weight in training dummies will actually believe that the letter did indeed come from a pup they raised. That's because no one's more delusional about a hunting dog's ability than the breeder who raised it. Just ask.

But though there's no cure, there are a few things a prospective dog owner can do.

First off, despite what I said earlier, I can not stress the importance of a good breeder. The way I figure it, if the guy can handle a lot of kids, he's sure to be okay with a few puppies too. Recently, I've accepted the word of a good breeder and ordered a high-bred English Springer Spaniel pup.

I don't think I'm being overly optimistic when I envision that dog rooting out rabbits and flushing ruffed grouse, woodcock and pheasant. And I don't think I'll be disappointed by the way it's going to retrieve ducks and geese from water. Nor do I think it's unreasonable to expect it to quarter close into the wind just as the breeder claims it will.

That's the secret to avoid getting ROOKED. A hunter's got to remain realistic about his expectations. Which is why I'm not counting on my pup to write flowery letters. Sign its name, yes. Write letters, no.

the not so great



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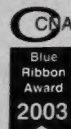
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Caught in the ooze

WHEN GEORGE TURNED OFF the highway, he was shocked to realize how bad the side road was. Almost immediately his car hit a pot hole, then another. He slowed down, looking as carefully as he could at the road ahead, in an effort to avoid more craters. The warm sunlight streaming through his windshield had obviously warmed up more than his car interior.

The spring heat had done magical things to country thoroughfares. What had once been pounded flat and hard by traffic, was now ribbed and furrowed like a field plowed open and awaiting spring planting. Gone was the monochrome of earth packed and dusty. In its place, a rich brown coating, thick as molasses, spread from shoulder to shoulder, inviting George onward with a wink and a nudge. It was almost daring him to forge ahead.

Somewhat taken aback, he pondered whether it was better to gain some momentum to help him through the muddy stretch or wiser to crawl along, watching for hidden dangers. Unfortunately, as his mind wandered, the car ran over a pot hole that felt more like a drainage ditch. The vehicle clanged loudly when it made contact, then shuddered as it limped out the other side. George knew something had happened in that encounter. He wished to be anywhere except here, but he had no choice; his destination lay this way.



sharon lynch

down our road

Then he realized he was sliding to the left. The road was slick and he could hear the slap of mud churned up by his wheels. A large boulder he had never noticed before seemed to leer at him on the other side, just where he could feel his car beginning to weave. Try as he might, the wheels were not responding as he hoped and for a moment it felt as though he and the rock were about to make contact.

But at the last minute, he was able to swerve back onto his side of the road and steady the car into a straight path once again. George could not remember ever experiencing such terrible road conditions. Already having decided to proceed slowly and cautiously, he was frankly frightened at the thought of another, larger and more aggressive truck or van barking behind him. And what if someone came toward him from the opposite direction? The spray of mud, the lack of control - it was all too scary.

George began to talk to himself. "Relax, you can handle this," he said aloud. "This is only a spring drive; you've been in worse situations. You're over-reacting." He began to feel a bit better. His grip loosened on the steering wheel. He was almost there.

Just ahead was the driveway. As he began to turn in, he realized his mistake too late. If he had thought the road was bad, the driveway was ten times worse. It looked like one huge mud pie, thick and oozy, where anything from a car to a moose could be swallowed and pulled into its dark and hidden heart.

He threw the car into reverse and hit the gas pedal. Globes of sodden earth hit his back and side windows and he could feel the car settling down deeper into the driveway. Perhaps someone in the house could help him, he thought, opening the car door and stepping out. Mistake number two. Immediately he found himself in mud to his mid-calf. Something told George he had to get off that driveway before the mud pulled him in any further.

So with all his strength, he heaved one foot out and set it away from the car, his destination being the higher ground off to the side. Of course right away that foot sank down into the ooze so that he felt like an awkward clown, legs almost split and in danger of losing his balance. That happened next.

Down he went with a yell of fury and fear. For now the mud seemed to have taken on a life force of its own. It was as though the mud wanted to defeat him, to win some kind of victory.

George was surprised how cold the mud felt. He had thought it would be warm from the sun. Amazed, he looked down at what he had become: soggy and brown, filthy and cold. Crawling on his hands and knees, each move met with tremendous, sucking resistance, George was able to pull himself off the driveway onto a flat rock that lay like an island of sanity.

Why was no one coming from the house? Surely they must have heard his car, must have seen him struggling out here? He called out a hello, but his voice seemed to come back at him not much louder than a whisper. About to call again, he heard an odd gurgling sound and turned his head just in time to see his car starting to sink. In disbelief he watched as it groaned like an old freighter before disappearing into the ooze.

With a jerk George's body twitched partway out of bed, the alarm jarring him from the dream. Half asleep, he reached over and turned it off. The mud, the car - all gone now. The morning light promised a new day and with a determined movement, he got up and looked out the window, as was his usual habit before deciding what to wear. Although mid-March, there had been another snowfall during the night and the world looked stiff and grey. Damn, George thought, seeing his car in the driveway. The tires had frozen into the ground again last night.



pic of the past

To celebrate the 50th reunion of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School this May, we bring you a photo of teacher Clifford Godwin's Grade 10 class in 1953. From left to right: Back row: Neil Burke, Howard Higgins, Daryl Broughton, Paul Crofts, Leon Loucks, Larry Harrison, Bill Kellett, Jack Burke, Mike ?. Middle row: Betty Newbatt, Jack Heron, Dick (Henderson), ?, Bill Gliddon, Ernie Kaasalainen, Jim Hutchings, Brenda Roberts, Dolly Pascoe. Front row: Marg Plourde, Helen Hicks, Shirley Howe, Edith Salvatori, Lynda Brodhagen, Blythe Cooper, Barb Pasquino, Betty Lou Parish. Our thanks to sisters Betty Field and Gladys Fajar for sharing the photo with us.

letters to the editor

Who's missing out on Highlands beauty?

To the Editor:

Re: Highlands missing out with ATVs.

The Highlands is not missing out by opening up the Rail Trail to walkers, horseback riders, bird watchers, cyclists - in short, lovers of nature. Why not park your machines and take a walk on the quiet trail?

Use all your senses. SEE and HEAR the beauty of nature's marsh animals. LISTEN for Spring's trickling water. SMELL the fragrance and delicacy of the wild flowers. WONDER about what medicine they bring? NOTICE how they change every day. Be courageous and HUG a tree! This is why people visit and settle in the Highlands. Soul nourishment. Simple as that.

In respect for this fragile planet, I am happy that machines don't always get their way.

Lynn Duncombe
Haliburton

ATVs welcome to go elsewhere

To the Editor:

I am not sure I follow Peter Kukkonen's logic (letter March 9, 2004 "Highlands missing out with ATVs") that, because something is cheap everyone should be allowed to use it whenever and wherever regardless of other people's likes and dislikes (think about guns!).

However, as a cottager in beautiful and quiet Haliburton, I am grateful that he takes his noisy machines to places like Parry Sound and Sudbury because of restrictions on their use in Haliburton. This allows my family and me to continue spending our free time, and money in Haliburton.

Rudi Luedecke
Big Bob Lake

Landowner should have right to shoot wolves

To the Editor:

I am a volunteer veteran of World War II in my 80th year. I volunteered again at the end of that war for the war in the Far East but the atomic bomb ended those hostilities so I feel that I have earned the right to speak out.

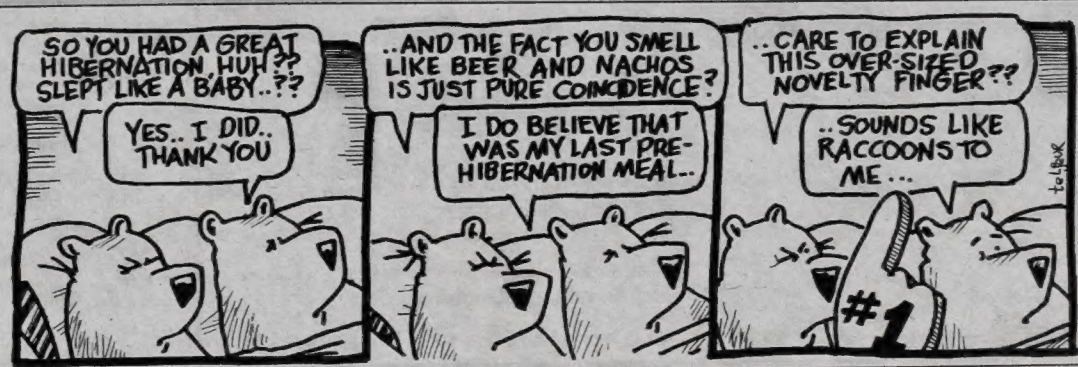
I have just learned from the Ministry of Natural Resources that there is a moratorium on wolves in Dudley Township where I own land zoned Farm Residential. I believe that I have the right to protect myself and my property. In a federal court I

have rights as stated in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (and thank God for Pierre). I challenge that moratorium and if pushed I will take it to a federal court. We have the right to protect our food supply. I am going to continue to protect my food supply on my property against predators which would be wolves. I believe that this moratorium is against my rights as a Canadian citizen.

I learned many years ago from my ancestors that when man fools around with Mother Nature

See **Algonquin Park** page 15

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Red Hawks take it on the chin

HHSS hockey team is OfSAA bound despite loss and enter as fifth seed for tournament in London

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 2
SPSS 4

The Red Hawks hockey team is entering the OFSAA championships on a sour note.

The team lost two straight games to St. Paul Falcons in the best-of-three game COSSA championships. In front of a boisterous home crowd the Red Hawks lost 4-2 in the deciding game of the series on Tuesday last week after losing the first game against the Falcons in Trenton.

HHSS head coach Ron Yake believes the game could have gone either way.

"It was anyone's game," he said, adding the difference was a fluke bounce off the back of the boards. "I told the boys to be proud of themselves."

An errant bounce off the boards from a Falcons point shot led to the winning goal for the Trenton team, late in the third period. The Falcons added an empty net goal with less than a minute in the game.

Despite the loss both teams will be playing in the all-Ontario championships in London representing COSSA from May 24-27. The Red Hawks represent Kawartha while the Falcons will represent Quinte.

HHSS forward Jesse Johnson scored



DARREN LUM/Echo

Red Hawks forward Evan Kernohan gets a little more attention during the third period from a St. Paul Falcons defenseman. The Falcons captured the best-of-three game series with a 4-2 win in Haliburton last Tuesday. HHSS will be the fifth seed at OFSAA.

the first goal of the game on the Red Hawks' third shot of the game, staking the team to an early 1-0 lead. He beat the St. Paul's keeper between the legs with a tip-in at 13:14 off a bullet pass from Red Hawks centreman Evan Kernohan at the blueline. It brought the home crowd to their feet and into a frenzy.

Following the HHSS goal the St. Paul Falcons went on the powerplay and grabbed the momentum from the Red Hawks with the tying goal at 10:03, 1-1.

The Falcons control-led play for most of the first period and would take a one goal lead midway through the second. HHSS goaltender Jeremy Moynes had just robbed a Falcons player when on the subsequent play he was beaten on a shot in close. At 8:12 Moynes made a strong save and failed to hold the

loose puck in the crease when the Falcons forward scored on the second effort. The Red Hawks keeper vehemently argued the goal, believing a whistle should have been blown. His complaints were in vain as the goal stood and the Falcons took a 2-1 lead. The crowd voiced their own displeasure with loud chants.

The proverbial fire was lit under the Red Hawks as they took the play to the Falcons. During the Red Hawks offensive barrage Kernohan was clipped deep in the Falcons zone, sending the home team on the powerplay.

The Red Hawks capitalized, scoring 23 seconds into the one-man advantage.

Kernohan, at the blueline, started the play with a strong cross ice pass to blueliner Josh Fick who sent it through the Falcons' zone to a wide open Sean Keaney in the slot. Keaney let loose a wrist shot to tie the game.

Moynes kept the score knotted up through much of the third period with timely stops in-close. The Falcons goalie, Bryan Cole, played equally as well, turning aside several Red Hawks'

scoring chances, even making the Red Hawks' coach take notice.

"Their opposing goalie played well if he had played average it would have been a different story," Yake said.

The Red Hawks, with a record of 20-12-2, enter the all-Ontario tournament seeded fifth A/AA schools and will be playing in

Pool H. HHSS has fourth seeded Essex Red Raiders, twelfth seeded West Ferris Trojans and thirteenth seeded Port Dover Lakers in their pool. The St. Paul Falcons enter the tournament seeded sixteenth with a 8-5-0 record. There are three other pools with a total of 16 teams vying for the OFSAA championships. The Stouffville Spartans, representing York Region, are seeded first and have a 28-4-4 record. The top two teams from each pool will advance to the playoffs for the right to play in the gold or bronze games on Saturday, March 27.

If he played average it would have been a different story

Head coach, RON YAKE

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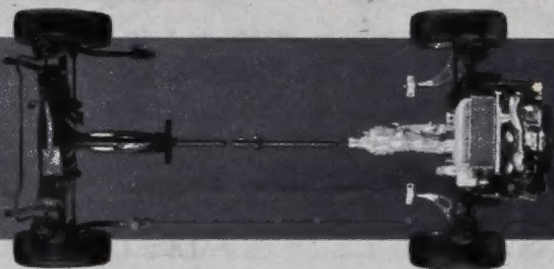
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Valentine's tradition

Winners of the 10th annual Haliburton Ladies Tournament of Ladies Bonspiel were (l-r) Betty Ablett, lead, Betty Curry, skip, Elda Sedore, vice, and Chris Zahn, second. There were more than 50 women who participated in the event that was capped off with a fashion show at the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday, Feb. 14. Clothes for the show were provided by local clothing boutiques such as Country Picken's in Haliburton and My Size in Minden. Shirley Howse was thanked for her ongoing efforts at organizing the Valentines event.

Haliburton Men's Golf League announces teams for upcoming 2004 season

The Haliburton Men's Golf League recently held its kick-off team selection meeting for the upcoming golf season. Plans were finalized on dates, course locations and format improvements from last year's inaugural season.

All 24 full-time league participants have been handicapped and will play matches against competitors in their particular division. Six four-man teams were selected with an A, B, C and D calibre player represented on each team. The league has also expanded the number of match play

events from five to eight for the coming season. As well, the league has a strong field of 'spares' who will also participate in scheduled matches for each event.

The first event will be two days of match play being staged at the Legends Ussher's Creek course on Sunday, April 18 followed by 18 holes at the Whirlpool Golf Course in Niagara Falls on Monday, April 19th. Throughout the season the league will also visit Deerhurst Highlands, Oliver's Nest and Bigwin Island, and other venues yet to be finalized.

TEAM NICHOL #1: Hugh Nichol, Leigh Bull, Tom Ecclestone and Chris Coneybeare

TEAM COLLISS: Kim Colliss, Doug Prozak, Scotty LaRue and Erin Nicholls

TEAM ROSENBERG: Ken Rosenberg, Walt McKechnie, Rick Ruttig and Jack Berry

TEAM NICHOL #2: Mac Gadway, Dave Willis and Dave Dollo

TEAM JUNG: Phil Jung, Rick Bain, Mike Keaney and Ron May

TEAM BULL: Eldon Bull, Colin

Morrison, Pat Quesnel and Gord Abel

Matches for Ussher's Creek, April 18
Team Nichol #1 vs Team Rosenberg
Team Jung vs Team Colliss
Team Nichol #2 vs Team Bull

Matches Whirlpool Golf Club, April 19
Team Nichol #1 vs Team Jung
Team Rosenberg vs Team Nichol #2
Team Bull vs Team Colliss

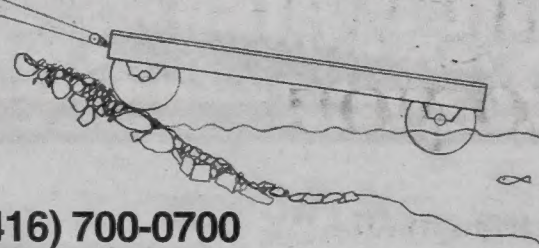
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Storm Atom AEs lose deciding semi-final game

Team's never say die efforts leave Storm one goal shy of all-Ontario finals

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Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Atom AE team, sponsored by Curry Motors and MacDonald, Ticker & Associates, started their semi-final series against Ennismore on Friday, February 27th on the road.

These two evenly matched teams were scoreless through the first two periods. Ennismore scored first midway through the third period on a power play. The Storm never quit and Stephan Schollig, from a pass from Jacob Kidd and Jon Salvatori, tied the score with just three minutes left. This set up the heroics for Chris Judge who scored the winner with just 41 seconds remaining. The Storm won 2-1.

On Saturday, February 28th, due to there being no home ice available, the Storm had to travel to Ennismore again. Ennismore came out hungry in this game and scored goals in each period. Trailing 3-0, Chris Judge scored from Dillon Upton but this was as close as they got. Final score was 3-1 tying the series at one apiece.

On Sunday, February 29 the Storm got their first taste of home ice and despite outplaying their opponents, they found themselves down 1-0 after two. Ennismore scored again midway through the third and this proved to be too much for the Storm as Ennismore won 2-0 taking a 2-1 lead in the best 3 out of 5 series.

On Friday, March 5, with their backs to the wall, the Storm played a very entertaining game. After a scoreless first period, Ennismore opened the scoring three minutes into the second period. Twenty-five seconds later, Chris Judge tied it at one, assisted by Brady Kent. With five minutes left in the second period Stephan Schollig scored from Dillon Upton and Michael Mazara but the lead was short-lived as Ennismore scored again two minutes late. After a scoreless third, this set up the dramatics of overtime.

Part way through the overtime Storm goalie Rob Lewis made an awesome save that went off his mask

hit the crossbar and went over the net. This seemed to stir up the Storm. Jon Salvatori got a hold of the puck and skated end to end. He

wrapped around the net and passed it out front.

Nick Freeman jammed it

in and that sent the

crowd into a frenzy.

Assisting also on the play

were Brady Kent and Stephan

Schollig. This 3-2 win tied the

series at two and sent the series to

a fifth and deciding game.

On Saturday, March 6, the

Storm travelled to Ennismore and

came flying out of the gate

after watching the Novice

A team win the Lobster

Cup. Chris Judge scored

from Colby

Cunningham just seven minute

sin but just like so many times before Ennismore tied

it one minute later. Midway through the second peri-

od Ennismore scored what proved to be the series-

winning goal. Despite relentless pressure

in the third period the Storm just could

not tie the game and Ennismore

escaped with a 2-1 win and advanced

to the All-Ontario Finals.

This was a great effort by this Storm

team who never quit until the final buzzer

sounded. Goalie Rob Lewis had another

great series making some key saves. He

was helped by his defense that consisted

of Johnathon Rae, Jon Salvatori, Colby

Cunningham and Michael

Mazara. Also helping out up

front were Chris Judge,

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Congratulations to the Highland Storm's Novice B team who is now in the tri-county championships playoffs. This team started off the year vying for a position with the eight other teams. By Christmas they moved into the top loop where they finished that round robin series in third place at the end of January. With a small shuffle of teams our boys ended up with an impressive 3-1-2 record and had battled their way into second position. Now this youngest Storm team will be playing a best-of-three 5 game series with Woodville. This championship series will begin in Woodville on Wednesday night then continue on Saturday at 2 pm during the Glen Dart Memorial hockey tournament. The parents, coaches, and players would like to thank our sponsors G.J. Burtch Construction and the Minden Lions Club. Good luck with this series team, it has been a great season.

At the 52nd annual Glen Dart Memorial hockey tournament over the weekend the Highland Storm Novice Bs defeated the Woodville Hurricanes for the first time in nine attempts with a 1-0 win during the Tri-County League playoffs. The Storm's best efforts had previously ended in two ties. This evens the best-of-five game series 1-1.

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Kawartha Highlands Interclub 2004

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our many sponsors for the overwhelming success of the 2004 Kawartha Highlands Interclub competition. Thank you to our Judges and Officials, special thanks to Toni Carr.

To all the volunteers who have spent many, many hours organizing and preparing for this event. Special thanks to the team leaders for all their support and encouragement and for a job very well done.

Congratulations to Team Haliburton who placed 5th in the team standings, first place went to Team Lindsay. Join us in congratulating the outstanding accomplishments of our local skaters:

Madison Barton:
Canskate Ladies Stage 6, Flt. #3, 6th.

Meghan Bottum:
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Team Skating skills, 1st;
Beginner Pairs, 4th.

Jessica Duchene:
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Pre-Preliminary Dance Flt. #1, 4th.

Sandy Griffith:
Pre-Preliminary Ladies A Flt. #1, 4th;
Introductory Pairs, 3rd;
Junior Team Elements, 4th.

Terry-Lynn Lumley:
Team Skills, 1st;
Intermediate Team Elements, 1st;
Jr. Silver Ladies Free Skate, 2nd;
Jr. Bronze Interpretive, 2nd;
Open Dance, 3rd;
Senior Team Elements, 4th;
Intermediate Pairs, 5th.

Jillian Mayhew:
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Beginner Team Elements, 4th;
Pre-Preliminary Dance Flt. #1, 4th.

Shannon McMurray:
Pre-Preliminary Ladies A Flt. #1, 5th;
Pre-Preliminary Dance Flt. #2, 6th;
Preliminary Dance, 8th.

Julie Moore:
Sr. Bronze Interpretive, 4th;
Sr. Bronze Ladies Free Skate, 10th;
Intermediate Elements, 1st;
Open Dance, 3rd;
Senior Team Elements, 4th;
Intermediate Pairs, 5th.

Shane Outram:
Jr. Bronze B Men, 2nd;
Intermediate Elements, 1st.

Casey Pringle:
Beginner Team Elements, 4th.

Minna Schleifenbaum:
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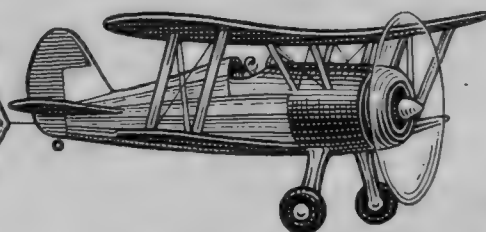
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Friends shave heads to support Nada Vaughan

We received this letter from Haliburton's Nada Vaughan, who is undergoing aggressive treatments for her cancer.

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We had a "head shaving party" on Sunday night because my hair fell out very quickly over a period of four days. So I have the support of many friends who decided to shave their heads with

me! That is me in the front row with Susan Bain (bless her heart!), then her sons-in-law Mark Bangay and Steve Smith and her son Andrew Bain. Doug and Pat Hardy also did a very short buzz cut to show their support.

Thought you would laugh at all our bald heads. It sure makes showering and hair care easy and cheap! I have many new hats and scarves from the Canadian Cancer Society.

Love, Nada

Stephen Harper will get Barry Devolin's vote

To the Editor:

I would like to commend Amy Grieves for her coverage of the Conservative Party of Canada nomination meeting in Lindsay on March 6. However, I would like to clarify one matter: I will be voting for Stephen Harper in the upcoming leadership campaign.

I have had the opportunity to work with both Stephen Harper and Tony Clement in the past, and I am confident either would make a fine leader. In my view, however, Harper's years of experience in Parliament and as party leader

dealing with national issues tip the scales in his favour.

Like many Canadians, I have also been intrigued by Belinda Stronach's leadership bid and acknowledge that her presence has increased interest in this race. However, I don't know enough about her at this time to support her candidacy.

In the final analysis, I hope all three leadership candidates win their seats in the upcoming federal election because in many ways politics is like hockey – you can never have too much bench strength.

Barry Devolin, Candidate
Conservative Party of Canada

Algonquin Park's wolf breed was a mistake

from page 7

they are bound to make an error. When I was working in Algonquin Park I found that they were breeding our old grey wolves with dogs and the result is what they now call the coyote. This area is not native to coyotes and that is the reason that there are not many deer in the Park

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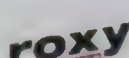
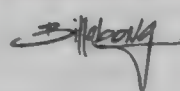
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Home Support volunteers make a big difference in their clients' lives



Photos and story
by Sheryl Loucks

LAST SUMMER Ruth Smith's vision suddenly became mired in floaters and flashes. She called her eye doctor who told her to get to the hospital, worried that she might have a detached retina. When the then 71-year-old hung up the phone she wondered how she was going to get the 13 miles into Haliburton.

Smith is a proudly independent senior used to driving herself wherever she needs to go. She does not like to bother her neighbours who won't let her repay them for their kindness, so she decided to call Haliburton County Home Support Services. The staff person told her they usually are not able to provide transportation without advance notice but said they would call her right back. Shortly after that the phone rang and she was informed that an Adele Barnes was willing to come get her.

When they got to the hospital Smith was told she really needed to continue down to Lindsay to see an ophthalmologist there and Barnes "graciously" agreed to take her. Smith says she is exceedingly grateful to the other woman for dropping all of her plans for the day.

"There were a few more trips after that in the next few weeks and then on September 23, I had a cataract operation. Adele waited patiently for me. The patience of the volunteers (for Home Support) is really remarkable. There are only pros to this service, no cons. If volunteers have any feelings of not wanting to be there, they don't show it," says Smith.

She says being able to call on the ser-



vice unexpectedly was fantastic; being able to pay for a portion of the mileage also made her feel good.

Barnes had to think for a minute in a subsequent interview about the particulars of last summer's trips. After 19 years of volunteering with Home Support she says it is sometimes hard to remember every client she has driven. She did recall Smith's emergency call and says it was no bother to rearrange her day to assist the other woman. And as for patience, she says you just get used to packing along a good book when driving people to appointments. Not too long ago she passed the time waiting in her car in a Bancroft parking lot by ripping curtains into strips for props for the Loop Troupe theatre company.

"I enjoy being able to help people stay at home when a lot of them without help couldn't be at home. And who knows, maybe I'll need help one day too," says Barnes.



Ruth Smith, at far left, is grateful for Home Support volunteers coming to her aid when she had to rush to hospital unexpectedly. One of them was Adele Barnes, above, who has been with the non-profit organization for 19 years. Last year Joan Eyres, left, was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award.

When her husband passed away she had gone looking for something that would force her to get out of the house and to fill the time. She became a Meals on Wheels driver for Home Support and not long after was asked to sit on the board; she's currently serving as past president. Barnes takes real pleasure in doing frontline work and says with a smile that she likes it better than the board work.

She continues to drive clients, install emergency response systems and organize recreational trips to see live shows in Toronto and Stratford as well as other day and overnight trips. Barnes says she had no idea in those early days of delivering meals that she would become so involved or that the agency would grow so exponentially but says working for Home Support has taught her how to mediate, deal with people and different perspectives and all of it has been an enjoyable learning curve.

"You have a lot of interesting conversa-

tions and meet a lot of nice people," says Barnes.

Joan Eyres agrees whole-heartedly. She retired after 10 years of working in home care in June of 2001 and promptly enlisted as a Home Support volunteer. Eyres says the freedom of being a volunteer creates a different atmosphere than when you are working. She has done friendly visiting and transportation. Eyres is convinced that even the shyest person has something to offer clients in one-on-one visits or driving a client.

"You learn something from every person you're in close contact with. You become a bit more empathetic and understanding. You learn to let go of preconceived ideas about the way people live, different issues. Volunteering helps you become open to different views and attitudes," says Eyres, who was voted Volunteer of the Year last year.

Anyone interested in Home Support Services or volunteering can call the non-profit agency at 457-2941.

Arena changes would cut energy costs

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from the March 8 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Lou Dummitt, the Dysart arena/community centre manager, informed council that a new blanket ceiling in the arena will cost about \$23,000 plus an additional \$2,358 for netting. To date only one company had provided any prices. The price is for a ceiling to follow the arc of the trusses. Dummitt will see whether there would be cost savings in having the ceiling lowered so there would be less air to keep cold for the ice.

Dummitt said the company he spoke to believes a

new ceiling will reduce the condensation problem which causes the dehumidifiers to eat more energy as they work harder. The company said they could work with the existing lights. He also suggested council consider insulating the end walls to reduce energy costs. The combination of insulation and a new ceiling could reduce energy costs by 25 per cent.

Council has requested more information before making a decision as part of the budgeting process.

Tax bill bungle

Dysart treasurer Fay Brown has been wrestling with the new software. At first the software would print only one owner's name on a tax bill causing property owners to get confused. The company "fixed" the software for the interim bills for 2004; however, now the program is looking for more than one owner and start-

ed listing occupants as owners. Brown's own tax bill lists her daughter as the second owner. Councillors may be hearing complaints from property owners and municipal staff will likely be getting phone calls.

USTI has told Brown the problems will be solved in time for the final billing.

Website

Dysart may have its own website soon. The cheapest company found was The Maddock Group, who did Highlands East's site. The company estimated it would cost \$2,000 to build the site and \$40 an hour for maintenance. Other estimates were significantly higher and maintenance would cost \$100 an hour. There would be additional domain and site registration fees as well as the price for new software such as Adobe Acrobat.

Councillor Steve Pogue said he would like to see the site have not only minutes but also useful documents such as the zoning bylaw and official plan. Deputy-Reeve Bill Davis said regardless of what they put on the site they must keep it current.

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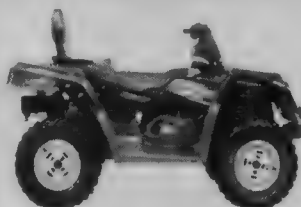
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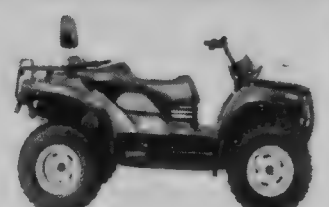
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Legion Branch 129 receives much needed funds

Ontario Trillium Foundation money will permit necessary building repairs

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 will be able to repair the roof and do other upgrades to the building now that it has received a Trillium grant.

The branch was recently awarded the grant and a plaque from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an arm's-length agency of the Ministry of Culture. The foundation receives \$100 million annually from the provincial government, dollars generated from casinos. This year the Legion will be receiving a one-year \$18,300 grant from that pot.

The grant will be used to repair the roof, upgrade the refrigeration system and build a new security system. The Legion was one of several in central Ontario robbed two years ago. The culprit was eventually captured and arrested but the Legion was not reimbursed for damage done to the office which included damage to door frames and a blown safe.

Conservative MPP Laurie Scott was on hand to congratulate the Legion on the grant.

"It can never be said too often that our society owes a tremendous debt to the men and women of our armed forces. You have had an integral part in creating the proud vision of Canada that is still recognized around the globe," said Scott.

"One of our goals at Trillium is to help build strong and healthy communities across Ontario. So with this goal in mind, I would like to once more thank you for keeping Branch 129 a vital community meeting spot."

Reeve Murray Fearrey said the Legion is a focal point for the community and Trillium could not put money into a better spot in Haliburton. Branch past-president Ethel Galvin and Donna McCallum were also thanked for their hard work in putting together a compelling grant request proposal that garnered a grant in the competitive process Trillium uses.



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

(from left) Ethel Galvin, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 past-president accepts a plaque and grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation represented by local coordinator Bev Kinsman, and MPP Laurie Scott.

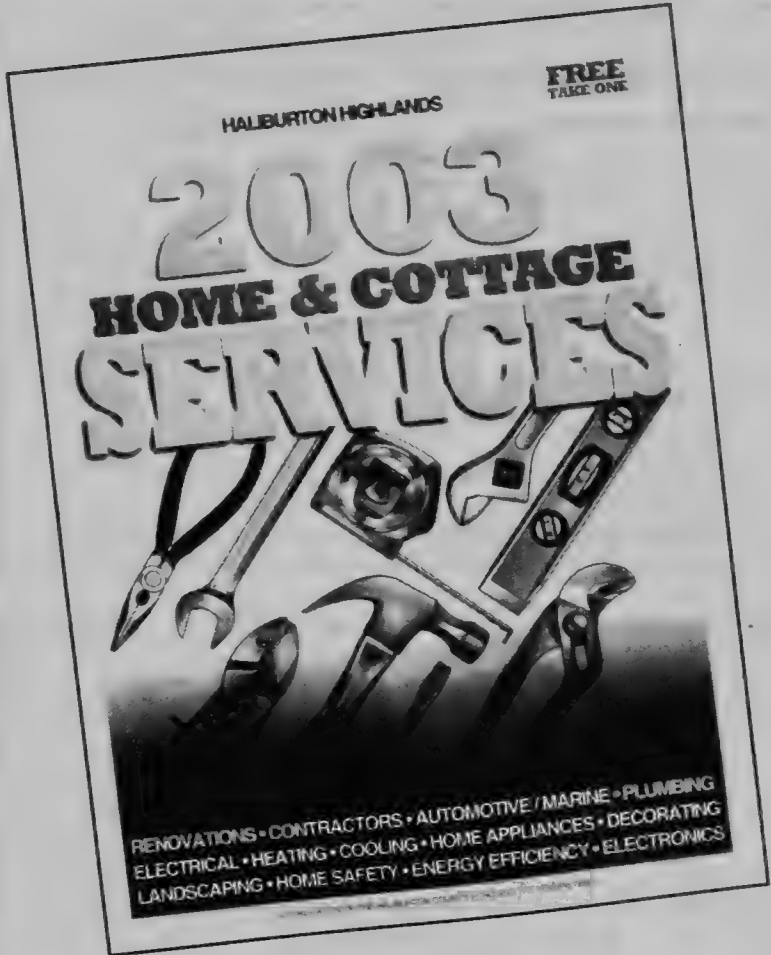
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Popular band to give encore this weekend

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"It's too much fun." That's what drummer Callum Wood had to say about playing with the Edgar Wyllie band which includes Rick Stamp, lead singer and bass guitar, Leo Henry, lead guitar and Floyd Henry who plays rhythm (formerly of KKUFF).

Regardless of what Wood says it isn't all fun and games.

With full-time jobs during the day the band still finds three to four hours a night three times a week for practising and making sure their equipment is in excellent working order. Before their recent performance at the Haliburton Legion, I was lucky enough to be invited to follow the band to see just how much work is involved. We showed up at the rehearsal hall about three p.m. Friday and Leo immediately began to set up and clean equipment. The rest of the band began showing up after work and they started playing around six. It wasn't long before I remembered that Rock and Roll isn't something you listen to with your ears. You feel it in your heart.

So with heart thumping and foot tapping I listened to about three hours of pure, classic rock and roll. At 9:30 Saturday morning I was back with the band while they loaded up their equip-

ment and moved to the Legion. Five hours later, after a frustrating sound check trying to get the sound they wanted, they managed to pull it all together and their hard work paid off.

At 9 o'clock when Edgar Wyllie walked on stage it was a toss up who was louder — the band or the crowd

who went absolutely wild. And it didn't stop there. From the beginning of their first song until the end of their encore the dance floor was almost too crowded to dance. And funny enough, 80 percent of the

audience consisted of those over the age 40. As one 25-year-old put it, "You have to be about 20 years older to get this kind of music."

Edgar Wyllie is booked March 20 at the Haliburton Legion for a minor hockey dance and will be returning to the Carnarvon Bowl sometime soon.

The band would like to thank everyone who showed up for helping them to raise such a generous amount for the Kawartha District Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Having grown up without the benefit of a father themselves, Leo and Floyd know first-hand the need for such a program.

So for all you rock and rollers out there, watch for Edgar Wyllie. With any luck we will be seeing a lot more of them.



The band played to a standing-room only crowd at the Legion recently.



Track 3 on the slopes

Aleksander Zworski, above left and at left in the photo above right, enjoyed his second season of skiing since learning how to ski with one leg at the Track 3 program at Sir Sam's Ski Area last year. He uses modified ski poles called outriggers — poles with the small skis. Zworski was an avid skier before he lost his leg to a car accident in Toronto back in 1996 and was a cottager on Koshlong Lake before retiring here with his wife in 1993. His instructor was Terry Gavin, standing with him in the above right photo. The Track 3 program at Sir Sam's had an enthusiastic "graduation" recently. The top photo shows Julie Campbell, who is parapalegic, accompanied by two Track 3 volunteers Bruce Dixon and Cris Millar.

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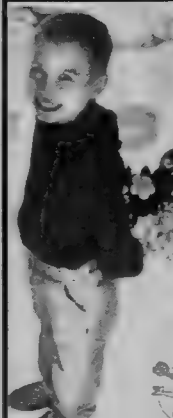
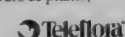
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Borealis String Quartet: Sunday, April 4

In less than two years, the Borealis String Quartet has been engaged by the prestigious Vancouver Chamber Music Festival as one of three resident string quartets, qualified for the BC-Yukon finals of the Great Canadian Music Dream competition on CBC-TV, featured in numerous important broadcasts for the CBC and Radio-Canada and embarked on a new season with a thirty-two concert tour of BC, Alberta and Ontario.

As electrifying as the name they have chosen, the Borealis String Quartet is already lighting up the skies of Canadian chamber music. The Quartet consists of four young Canadian professionals, Patricia Shih and Yuel Yawney, violins, Nikita Pogrebnoy, viola and Joel Stobbe, cello. The first resident professional string quartet on the University of British Columbia campus, the Borealis has already established itself as a leading-edge Canadian ensemble.

Elmer Iseler Singers: Saturday, Sept. 25

"Breathing life into the mystic," says *The Globe and Mail's* Robert Harris of the Elmer Iseler Singers, a 20-voice professional chamber choir based in Toronto. It has built an enviable international reputation since its debut performance in 1979. Now conducted by Lydia Adams, the group was founded by and nurtured under the direction of the late Dr. Elmer Iseler, the "Dean of Canadian Choral Conductors."

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The Nesrallah-Bolshoy Duo: Friday, Oct. 29

The Nesrallah-Bolshoy duo unites two award-winning performers, mezzo-soprano Julie Nesrallah and guitarist Daniel Bolshoy. They have been featured in prestigious festivals as well as being showcased on a special Bravo!TV documentary entitled *The Classical*

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"Both artists have careers and reputations that reach far beyond our region and it's not hard to understand why," says *The Ottawa Citizen*.

Praised for her warm, lustrous voice, communicative skills and charismatic stage presence, award-winning Julie Nesrallah has achieved standards of musical excellence across the continent. Classical guitarist Daniel Bolshoy was the only Canadian prize-winner at the 1999 Rantucci International Guitar Competition in the U.S. For the Haliburton audience, they will perform *A Night of Spanish Song*.

All performances are held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in the village of Haliburton.

A season ticket to all three shows cost \$50. for adults and \$25. for students. (includes GST). Call 457-9731 to order.

The HHCS is grateful to the Ontario Arts Council for their support.



TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS REQUIRES

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Background

- The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking a strongly motivated, well organized individual to assist the Chief Building Official/By-Law Officer on a full time basis.

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Qualified applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume to the undersigned by **Friday, March 26, 2004 by 4:00 p.m.**

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ATT: Don Kidd, M.A.A.T.O., C.B.C.O.
Phone: (705)489-2342
Fax: (705)489-3491
or e-mail: dkidd@county.haliburton.on.ca

We thank all applicants who apply, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information is collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

NOTICE (Applicant - Young)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on Tuesday, the 13th day of April, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of Lot 1, Concession 13, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey C.B. 31 attached to Inst. 56636, and Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 1, Concession 13, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S., dated December 30, 2003. (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario. The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands ROADS DEPARTMENT Employment Opportunity Full-Time Position

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a full-time Operator at the Dorset Yard with heavy equipment experience to assist with all aspects of municipal road maintenance and construction.

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United Church's ham dinner tickets selling well

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Tickets are going like hotcakes for Maple Lake United Church's ham dinner on Mar. 27 at the Centre. Call G. Griffin 754-4514 or Sharon Barry 754-2554 to obtain tickets.

Welcome home to Fred and Norma Crewson who have returned from three

months in Florida to their home on Pine Lake.

I have just learned that Lianne Joiner is also a Guilfordite. Lianne as well as Peggy Flowers did a super job as "Jan" in "Bedroom Farce" two weeks ago. Yours truly is to have a part in one of

the Summer Theatre plays, "Thriller of the Year".

Happy to hear that Cecilia Scott is home and recovering from successful knee surgery.

Public Inspection Approved 2004/2005 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit

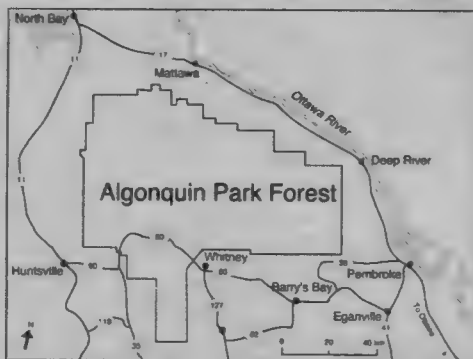
The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has approved the 2004/2005 annual work schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit.

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2004 and March 31, 2005.

For further information about tree planting jobs on the management unit, please contact the Area Forester, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Pembroke Office (see address below).

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the addresses below.

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Algonquin Forestry Authority, or the ministry at the addresses below:



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Attn: Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F.

Algonquin Forestry Authority
Huntsville Office
222 Main Street West
Huntsville, ON P1H 1Y1
Tel.: 705-789-9647, ext. 30
Attn: Gord Cumming, R.P.F.

Algonquin Forestry Authority
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Join Our Board

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts is embarking on an exciting year of change. The heritage train station that is home to the Rails End Gallery is scheduled to be relocated and renovated this summer, resulting in an expanded, accessible and winterized facility. This opens up new opportunities for us in terms of year round programming, collaboration with community partners and innovative facility use. In order to take full advantage of these opportunities, we are embarking on an in-depth strategic planning process that will include a review of our Mission and Mandate, Board and Volunteer Development, Fundraising Development and Marketing Development.

We are seeking applications from individuals interested in joining our board to play a meaningful role in re-creating Haliburton's only public art gallery.

Ideally, these individuals will:

- Have specialized knowledge or skills (e.g. marketing, fundraising, business development, financial management, arts administration, facility planning, law)
- Have had experience serving on other committees or Boards for not-for-profit organizations
- Have demonstrated interest in community development and/or community partnership projects

Given the nature of our capacity building project we are asking Board members to contribute a significant number of volunteer hours in the first year (20 to 25 hours per month) to participate in training events, strategic planning sessions, and implementation activities.

In return, participants on our Board will not only fortify their existing organizational skills, and asset to any future endeavors, but will support the broader arts community with leadership in the development of a decisive new direction for the Rails End Gallery.

Please send a letter of interest and a short bio or resume by March 29th.

By mail: Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts
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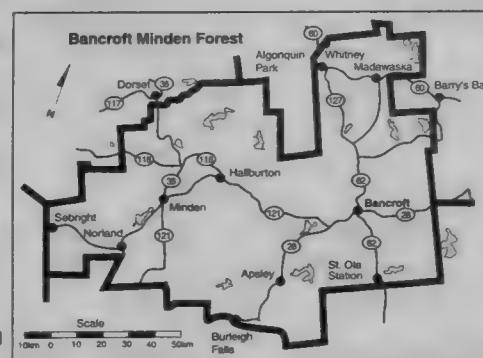
Minor Amendment Inspection Bancroft Minden Forest 2001-2021 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has tentatively approved a minor amendment to the 2001-2021 forest management plan for the Bancroft Minden Forest

Approximately 88 hectares of tolerant hardwood forest will be made available for selection harvest by Minden District Forestry Services Inc. The Crown forests involved are described as part of lots 24-26 Con VII and part of lots 23-27 Con VIII Stanhope Township.

A detailed description of this amendment may be inspected at the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) offices in Bancroft and Minden or the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. (BMFC) offices in Bancroft during normal business hours or during non-business hours by making an appointment with the contacts listed below.

Comments must be submitted to the contacts listed below not later than 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2004.



Issues that may develop related to this amendment that cannot be readily resolved will be addressed in accordance with the process outlined in The Forest Management Planning Manual for Ontario's Crown Forests.

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding the forest management plans under the authority of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the forest management plan periods and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987) personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Charmaine Devitt at 613-332-3940, ext. 251.

For further information or to make comment please contact one of the following:

Jon Orpana
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Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0
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106 Monk Street
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Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0
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Harcourt loses resident deer known as "Punkin Head"

More than deer will be out on the roadways during March break

The other night there appeared a horizon of white light in the skies to the north. I stood in awe watching this magnificent flickering curtain of dancing light against the distant skies. A bright full moon suspended in the skies to the south heightened the spectacular moment. I felt a strong sense that nature's own fireworks were beckoning me to seek out the source of this dazzling arc and as I stood there I realized how fortunate I was to be here in the Highlands of Haliburton. For those living in the city, such a phenomenon would only appear on the pages of a book.

However, things are not always beautiful here. Screeetch – You no doubt have heard that horrible sound! The sound of a vehicle coming to a sudden stop. That sound rent the air the other day as a motorist brought his truck to a sudden stop on Elephant Lake Road. However, his sudden stop was not soon enough and there on the pavement lay the mangled remains of a once magnificent buck. A buck, pre-occupied only with the thought of feeding and heedless to everything else around him, had stepped out onto the road in front of the oncoming vehicle. This buck had been a source of entertainment for many people in the area. This was the buck my granddaughter Rachel called "Punkin Head." This was the buck that my parents had spent hours the day before filming and photographing.

Deer, cars and roadways are facts of life. Drivers should slow down when approaching deer crossings. On Elephant Lake Road from Fishtail Lake Road to the top of Mason's Hill, deer cross the road. This is a well known

fact. This area has a long-standing history of deer sightings and numerous deer accidents. Slow down, use caution, and stay alert!

This week is March Break and children are off school. Please exercise caution on all roadways because children, like deer are often pre-occupied. The buck that perished was called "Punkin Head" but that could have been any child. A child called Peter, Paul or Mary. Exercising a little caution could keep you, deer and children out of harm's way.

An invitation is extended to all persons wishing to submit a tender for the cleaning of Harcourt Community Centre. All tenders are due April 1, 2004. Please contact Ross Covert at 448 3196 for more information.

Don't forget: The Word of Life Clothing Outreach has started a new branch at the old Highland Grove United Church (downstairs). Hours of operation: Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. In addition, The Word of Life Clothing Outreach will be an outlet for the Good Food Box in the Highland Grove and Harcourt communities. If you wish to save money and time order a Good Food Box for only \$15.00 and receive a large box of fresh fruit, veggies plus recipes and cooking tips. To order or wish more information, please call Clara Burt at 448-3359 or Highland Grove Outreach Centre at 448-9406.

There are "Good Food Box" outlets throughout the community of

Haliburton. If you need more information or want to order in other areas please call Paula at 705 457 1942 for the community contact nearest to you.

An invitation is extended to energetic individuals who want to come out for some good exercise and lots of fun. Come out and join the "Cloggers" on Monday nights starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. "Clogging" is an authentic and distinctive form of folk dance. All Ages – male and females welcome. Cost is only a

Loonie.

Don't forget. All former and present students, staff and board members of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School formerly known as the Haliburton County District High School are invited to the 50th Anniversary to be held May 14 – 16, 2004. Come on out and meet old classmates, teachers and students. Celebrate 50 glorious years. Remember good times. See how the school has changed. Tell Stories. And reminisce! Many great things happening. Register early. If you do not have a registration form call the school at 705 457 2950 ext. 572.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and it is not surprising that the Irish should have a magic way with the spoken word, considering their fertile imaginations, they have been passing proverbs along for generations. Here are some little Celtic gems to help you everyday. "True greatness knows gentleness and when wrathful words arise a closed mouth is soothing. Have a mouth of ivy and a heart of holly. A silent mouth

is musical." Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Up coming Events for Harcourt and Community:

March 17 – Harcourt Community Centre. Bingo starting at 7:30 p.m.
March 18 – Harcourt Community Centre. Euchre starting at 7:30 p.m.
March 18 – Good Food Boxes to be picked up in Highland Grove
March 18 – Highland Grove Luncheon at Community Centre. 11:30 – 1:00 P.M. Soup, soda bread, dessert, tea and coffee. Adults \$5, children under 12 years \$3.

March 20 – Reg Holloway, who helped write the millennium book on the history of Burnt River, will be the guest speaker at the bi-monthly breakfast of HWEN (Haliburton Highlands Writer's and Editors' Network) in the Kinmount Room at the Delta Pinestone Resort. A continental breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Firm reservations are requested. Please contact Marjorie Green at 286 2592 by Wed. March 17. Cost is \$13 for members, \$16 for non-members.

March 21 – Harcourt Community Chapel starting at 7:00 p.m. – always a special evening. Everyone Welcome!
March 26 – Next Wheels to Meals Luncheon at Elephant Lake Lodge. Wheels to Meals is a Haliburton County Home Support service which provides a nutritious meal at Elephant Lake Lodge in the Harcourt area. This is available to persons 55+ and/or physically disabled persons 18+. Reservation required.

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Tickets are on sale at Agnew's General Store 448-2211. They are \$7.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for 12 and under. It would be wise to arrange for tickets in advance since seating is different and not unlimited. The play is

being staged on the floor while the audience will sit on and in front of stage and along the south wall.

Ticket information also at 448-1518.

Rehearsals are going well with the cast polishing lines and working out movements. Excitement grows as "Troupers" work on sets, property, costumes and lights. This version of the *Wizard* by Clive Endersby follows L. Frank Baum's story of Dorothy Gale and her dog Toto after the Kansas cyclone blows them far away to the magical place called Oz. The playwright adds a few different characters and adventures. Oh the Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow, Munchkins, Monkeys and Oz will be there. But look for the vicious vacuum, Head & Dread and the Umbrella Girls. Do plan to be there when this non-musical version of this old story hits the Yellow Brick Road again.

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The entire student body at the Wilberforce Elementary School participated in the first skateathon, fundraising for the science and technology curriculum. There was more than \$700 raised. It will assist the school purchase pulleys, levers and books. The school's teacher Mark Stamp spearheaded the idea.

The Recreation Committee is busy getting ready for Maple Fest on Easter Saturday. They will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast/Lunch, with Crafts and Flea Market tables from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Easter Bunny is planning to hop around with treats. Also on the Committee agenda is the Penny Sale scheduled for the Saturday of Victoria Day holiday weekend (May 2) and Country Good Times in July.

Needles, thread and thimbles are much in use at the Outpost as quilters practice their skills at quilting a lovely coverlet. It will be raffled with proceeds helping

with activities at the museum.

The Keith Cameron Bonspiel for men's teams was held at the Curling Club on the weekend.

Elsie Lewis was the guest preacher at St. Margaret's Church on March 14. Rev. Christopher Greaves is with the Teen Mission Team in Merida Venezuela for an extended March Break work time helping build a Community Centre.

The Pancake Breakfast at the Highland Grove Recreation Centre on Saturday, March 13 was enjoyed by a good crowd.

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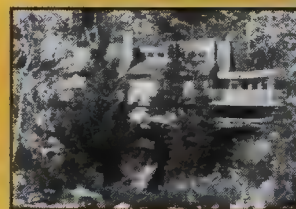
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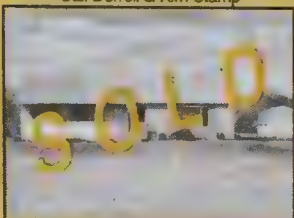
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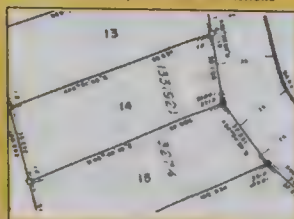
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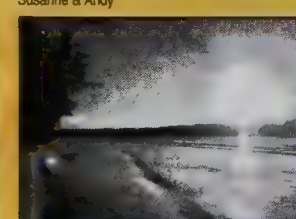
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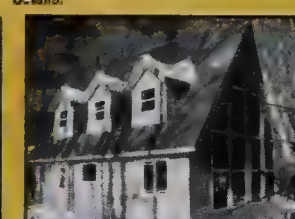
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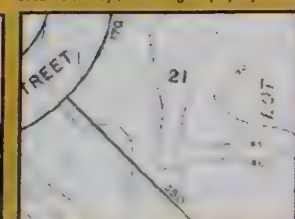
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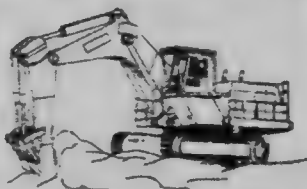
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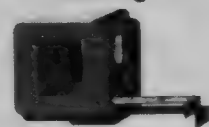
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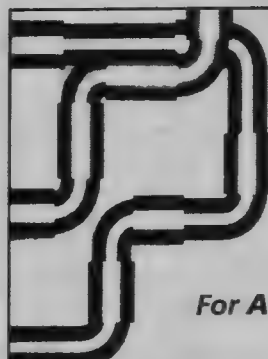
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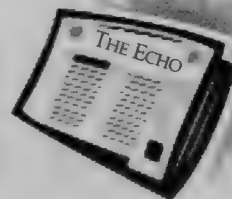
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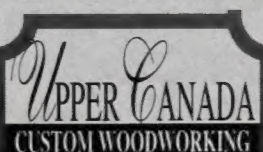
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Live Band
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Saturday, March 20th
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Music from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
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OTHY REED WALKER, also known as
Timothy Walker and Tim Walker,
late of Eagle Lake, in the County of
Haliburton, who died on or about the
4th day of December, 2003, must be
filed with the undersigned personal
representatives on or before the 1st
day of June, 2004, after which date
the Estate will be distributed having
regard only to the claims of which the
Estate Trustees shall then have no-
tice.

Dated at Oakville this 16th day of
March, 2004.
Eugene Lloyd Walker and Noreen
Christina Walker, c/o O'Connor
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Oakville, Ontario L6K 3W5.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
MURRAY PATERSON
WADDELL,
deceased.**

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of Murray Pater-
son Waddell, late of the township of
Havelock, in the County of Haliburton,
who died on the 1st day of Decem-
ber, 2002, are required to file the par-
ticulars of such claims with the under-
signed solicitors for the said Estate on
or before the 30th day of April, 2004.
AND take notice that after the last day
named, the assets of the said Estate,
will be distributed among the persons
hereto entitled having regard only to
the claims of which the Executor for
the Estate being Fraser A. Rogers,
shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
12th day of March, 2004 by BISHOP
AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solic-
itors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, On-
tario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Ex-
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM GUNNING, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of JOHN WILLIAM GUNNING, late of the township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 2nd day of February, 2004, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 23rd day of April, 2004.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the solicitors for the Trustee/Executrix shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 4th day of March, 2004 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for Wendy Gunning the Executrix of the Estate of John William Gunning.

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440 THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK my family, all my friends for the delicious food, visits, phone calls, cards, flowers. Aunt Jean for taking care of Pete while I was in hospital for knee surgery. Special thanks to Doc Lever, Doc Conway and nurses at Peterborough Civic Hospital. **Aileen Peters.**

Special thanks from the family of Christine Macartney – We wish to thank everyone who provided such excellent care and support during Christine Macartney's illness: Dr. Coles and staff at the Minden and Haliburton Medical Centres, the Medical Team at the Minden Hospital Emergency Dept. and lab, staff at the CCAC, Nurses, PTs, OTs and PSWs from Paramed, Doctors, nurses and palliative care staff at the Lindsay Hospital. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness, support and generous donations. "A special thank you goes out to rev. Max Ward, Zion United Church UCW and congregation and the Monk Family Funeral Home for their assistance, guidance and support."

The family of the late **STEPHEN MACKIE** would like to thank, family, friends and to all those who sent cards, prayers and all the beautiful flowers. Your love and support will be remembered and appreciated. Heartfelt thanks to the Smith family for their kindness at this time and a special thanks to the O.P.P. and especially Detective Constable Sandy Adams for her support. **Marjorie Mackie and Family.**

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450 IN MEMORIAM

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HICKS, MARY F. – In loving memory of a dear mom, grandmother and great grandmother, who passed away March 22, 2003.

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To care for us and guide us through
Our choices and our plans.
When God created mothers,
He made the warmest heart
To understand and give our lives
A happy, loving start.

Why God created mothers,
"Is not a mystery"
He meant to share His love with us
And did it perfectly.
Thank you Lord for the gift of my mom, **Shirley and Family.**

WHITTAKER, DOUGLAS – It's hard to believe that it's been a year. We can still see your smiling face. We miss your teasing and your laugh. It seems like only yesterday that we could reach out and touch you. Those thoughts will never fade. You gave so much and received so little. We wish that we had given you more, more love, more hugs, more of everything good.

We hope that now you have everything that you've always deserved. We never knew how much we would miss you, until you were gone. We have missed you since the day you left and will miss you until we finally meet again. It is impossible to convey how much we love you.

There is now a void in the world that will never be filled. You are that special.

EXON, ELIZABETH – The never ending bowls of candy. The smile on your face when we entered the room.

Infinite knowledge, wisdom and guidance that only your years of experience could bring. The type of kindness and generosity that could only be displayed by you. You were everything that was proper and good, right and fair.

You will never be forgotten Grandma, and we miss and love you dearly. We hold your memory close to our hearts and memories last forever. Love always, **Darren and Lynn, Scott and Tanya.**

WOOD, PATRICIA DOROTHY ELLEN – In loving memory of a loving mother, grandmother and wife who passed away March 16/2001.

Beautiful memories,
Are wonderful things,
They last till the longest day,
They never wear out,
They never get lost,
And can never be given away.
To some you may be forgotten
To others a part of the past.
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memory will always last.
Love **Wayne, Melinda, Wendy, Nancy and Grandchildren.**

460 OBITUARIES

RUBY MAE FRANCIS
Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay after a brief illness with Leukemia on Saturday, March 13, 2004. In her 86th year.

Beloved wife of the late Carl Francis, predeceased by her daughter Helen Rogers. Loving mother of James and Diane, Tom and Barbara, Harry and Terry, David and Carol, Judy and Gord Albert, Ann, Brenda and Howie MacLennan, Bonnie and Ken Nicholson and mother-in-law of Gordon. Loving grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the chapel on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Spring Interment at Gelert Cemetery. Reception to follow at the St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Leukemia Research or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. **CA**

WALDEMAR BUTZ

Passed away peacefully in the presence of his family at Grand River Hospital, Kitchener, on Wednesday, March 10, 2004. He was in his 79th year, having lived a robust life until being diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2001. Wally will be missed by his best friend and wife Dorothea, his children Michael and Susan of Haliburton, Freda and Bill of New Hamburg, and David and Nancy of St. Catharines, his grandchildren Celeste, Cedric, Aaron and his friend Alicia, Adam, Nicklas and Christina, as well as by Velia Butz, Norma and Bill Hindson, nieces Deb and Sue, nephew Dan and an extended family in Germany. He is predeceased by his parents Otto and Charlotte Butz of New Hamburg, and his brother Otto of Sausalito. Born in Stuttgart, Germany, Wally grew up in Scarborough and spent most of his life as a dairy farmer south of Haysville. An avid swimmer, canoeist and nature lover, he planted thousands of trees, designed and built wooden boats, and enjoyed a lifelong connection with the Haliburton area. He shared these interests with Dorothea, his children and grandchildren, all of whom basked in the warmth of his love and attention. Visitation was held at Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron St., New Hamburg on Friday, March 12, 2004 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The funeral service took place at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg, on Saturday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place, interment was at Riverside Cemetery following the funeral service. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Grand River Regional Cancer Centre or to the charity of one's choice would be gratefully appreciated.

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- **Now to May 18: Highlands Parent Child Mother Goose Program.** For parents and children, (birth to 2-1/2 years) learning rhymes, songs, and stories together. Join us for a friendly and relaxed morning of fun and learning! (Monday Mornings to May 17, 10-11 a.m. in Minden). (Tuesday Mornings until to May 18, 10-11 a.m. in Haliburton). For more information and to register please call: Ontario Early Years Centre: 286-1770 or Family Services: 457-5345. Free!
- **Now until Mar. 18:** Join us each day for fun "activities to keep your school-aged and pre-schooler occupied. Ontario Early Years Centre, Haliburton location, Halco Plaza lower level. Call Wendy Baux 457-2989 for details.
- **Mar. 16: Join Home Support and Wheels to meals** for a delicious lunch at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information call Myrtle Bouthoorn at 754-1711.
- **Mar. 16: Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden).** If you want to be a pirate join us at 11 a.m. and make a pirate hat and eye patch. The children will also be making pirate pizza for lunch. Please call 286-1770 for info or to sign up.
- **Mar. 17: Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden).** Join us for St. Patrick's Day crafts at 11 a.m. We will also be making green ice cream sundaes. Yum! Please call 286-1770.
- **Mar. 17: Join Home Support and Wheels to meals** for a scrumptious lunch at Kei's in Haliburton. Lunch begins at 12 noon. You won't want to miss this fun filled St. Patrick's Day Lunch. Come on out and enjoy ... the more the merrier. Call Stella McLean, at 457-2982 to make your reservations.
- **Mar. 17: Join Wendy and make a bird feeder** to take home and feed the birds with. Ontario Early Years Centre, Haliburton location, Halco Plaza lower level. Call Wendy Baux 457-2989 for details.
- **Mar. 18: Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden).** Your children will have fun playing bingo at 11 a.m. Everyone wins a prize. Please call 286-1770 for info.
- **Mar. 18: Haliburton 50+ Club** welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion hall for our last meeting of this season. We will be having a Pot-Luck Supper so please bring your favourite dishes. Following dinner we will hold our annual election of officers, then enjoy a book sale and a "Beetle Drive". Don't know what it is ... come and find out. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Diner at 5:30 p.m. New members and guests welcome. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tues., Mar. 16th. Call 754-3319.

- **Home Support Services is currently looking for a volunteer** to co-ordinate the Wheels to Meals lunches at The Cookhouse in the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve. The interested volunteer would telephone participants, inform the restaurant of the numbers who would be attending the lunch, and they would also attend the lunch. Home Support holds lunches at the Cookhouse on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The lunches at the Cookhouse run from May to September only. So, if you would be interested in co-ordinating these lunches, please call Ida at 457-2941.
- **March – Volunteers are needed to help organize a Sneaker Day for Haliburton Village this year.** Please call Anne-Marie at 457-1391 if you can spare a few hours to help plan.
- **Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Hand Drumming at the 'Y' in Haliburton. All welcome. Call Fay at 754-4004 for more info.
- **Haliburton County Home Support is looking for items for their on-going Treasure Table.** If you are cleaning out your cupboards over the Christmas season, please remember that Home Support will take your used items for their fundraiser Treasure Table. Call 457-2941 for more info.

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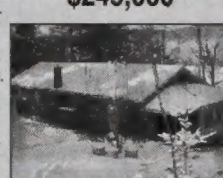


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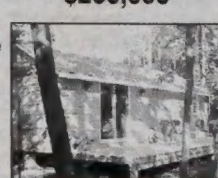
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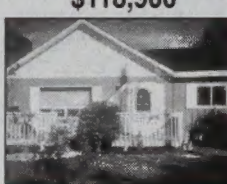
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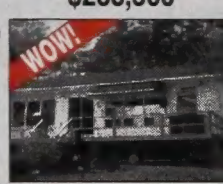


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TRAPPERS TRAIL

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Chalet with main floor laundry, nicely finished and fully winterized, just steps from Miskwabi Lake access.

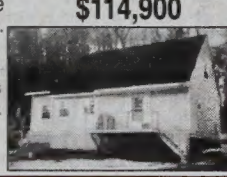
\$129,900



TRAPPERS TRAIL

Affordable home/cottage only 10 mins. from town. Close to both Wenona & Miskwabi Lk. access. Very good value for this tastefully finished home. Call Ken Barry

\$114,900



Cathy Lancia**

LITTLE KENNISIS LAKE

WF Home/Cottage. This property near the head of Kennisis Lk. offers very high water quality. The cottage has a pine interior and open concept design. Lovely S. view from the many windows or the sun rm. Over 2000' of living space on 2 levels. Features incl.: a screened porch, perennial gardens, knotty pine kit., w/cer. counters, storage, bunkies, workshop, 135 ft. frontage on protrusion of sandy shoreline. Call Cathy

\$389,700



INVITING THREE SEASON COTTAGE

w/spacious open concept design Warm pine interior with pine floors and bath. ceilings throughout. Vineyard styling. The peaceful and natural lot offers both sand beach, walk in for pleasurable swimming and flat rock frtge. The South view is gorgeous. LISTED AND SOLD IN ONE WEEK Call Cathy

\$279,700



Linda Beachli***

WHAT A VIEW!

New chalet style cottage/home on Tedious Lake, 160 ft. of lake front on 2.1 acres. 3 bedrooms, stone fireplace, full walkout basement. Call to view. Call Linda Beachli

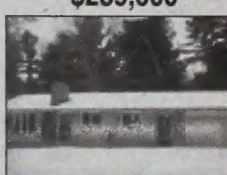
\$319,900



PARADISE!!

Beautiful brick bungalow located on Paradise Lake. 3 bdrms, attached garage, many upgrades, cedar lined sunroom and possible VTB. Call Linda Beachli

\$289,000



Rick Lowes*

MAPLE LAKE STORE

Owners have retired, formally a thriving general store with large living quarters, excellent location. Lots of possibilities.

\$119,900

Call Rick Lowes



Peter Brady**

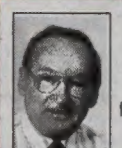
LOTS OF LOTS

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE LOT \$139,000 with 105 ft. of frontage Just Under 300 acres of land \$149,000 5+ acre lot overlooking beautiful Eagle Lake ONLY ONE LEFT \$39,900 2-50 ACRE LOTS 1 @ \$34,900 1 @ \$45,000. Call Peter Brady

Great for Growing Family

Cute as a button 4 bdrm. home w/additional sep. lot. Fin. basement w/rec rm., stone FP, wet bar, attached garage & sep. 20x27 heated garage/workshop Call Peter Brady

\$119,900



Erwin Roithmeier*

STARTER HOME

3 bedroom home, close to Minden, Jacuzzi Tub, nice flower gardens, close to public access on Canning Lake. Call Erwin Roithmeier

\$61,900



HIDEAWAY PROPERTY!

If you want to get away from it all, then this is the place for you, very secluded. \$18,500.

Lot next to it also for sale \$16,500.



Geoff Bunn* & Miranda Newman*

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Large 3 bedroom home, open concept, loads of living space. Inground pool, two large outbuildings and 23 acres located in the Town of Minden.

\$485,000

Call Geoff & Miranda for details.

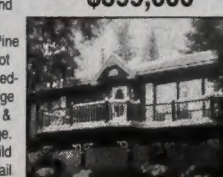


Tom* & Gail* Tempest*

MOUNTAIN LAKE

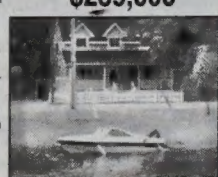
Custom built year round home or cottage on Mountain View Drive. Pine kitchen, 2 fireplaces, hot tub room and 3 large bedrooms. Detached garage & carport. New docks & gazebo at water's edge. Hard sand bottom, child friendly. Call Tom & Gail

\$399,000



Gorgeous 2400 sq.ft. recently renovated 2 storey, 4 bdrm home located in Minden on S. Water St. Lots of extras inc. 2-4 pc and 1-2 pc baths, master w/ensuite, Mn fir laundry, mn fir fam rm & separate dining rm. Great view of Gull River where you can boat from your own dock into fabulous Gull Lake.

\$239,000
 Call Tom & Gail



Fred Chapple*

DAVIS LAKE

3 Bdrm cottage/home, 2 quiet cottages, nice point, fabulous view, 460 ft. waterfront frontage, 4 acres. Lots of privacy. What are you waiting for? Call Fred Chapple

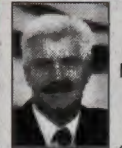
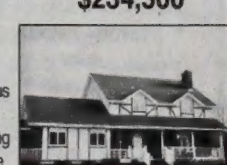
\$289,000



MINDEN HOME

Custom built executive home on large level lot. Fireplace, hardwood, Jacuzzi, 3 baths, gorgeous master suite, extensive decking. Includes adjoining lot. Call Fred Chapple

\$234,500



Ted Vasey*

Hwy. 121 Robertson Road

Country home btwn. Minden & Haliburton. Picturesque lot w/pond, w/o LR to porch, 4 bdrms., 2 ahs, int. needs completely refinishing. Call Ted Vasey

\$50,900



MINDEN - ORDE ST.

Absolutely charming home across rd. from river. Newly fin. oak kit., w/o to deck, w/o LR, 3+2 bdrms, MBR ensuite, freshly fin. fam. rm. w/oak bar & prop. FP, FAO heating, 1.54 acres. A must see.

\$185,000

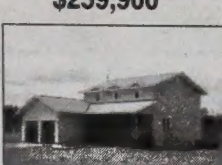


Vince Duchene**

3 YEAR OLD HOME

1,908 sq.ft. in Haliburton by the lake subdivision. Beautifully finished home, 3 baths, rec room & bright open kitchen/living room. Call Vince Duchene

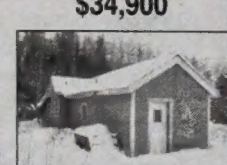
\$259,900



SCENIC, NICELY TREED,

small usable cabin, driveway in. Lots of pines & ready to build your home on. Outstanding lot only 5 minutes from Haliburton. Call Vince Duchene

\$34,900



Melanie Vigrass*

DO YOU WANT YOUR PROPERTY VIEWED BY THOUSANDS?

Call Melanie Vigrass Now to List for the Cottage Life Show March 26th, 2004 286-2911 (voice mail #40)

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